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1. Soon after the arrival of General Feodor Artemovich Kovpak in Tirana, the following instructions were given the Albanian Communist Party Central Committee and the Albanian Government.
 - a. Break off economic relations and suspend the customs union with Yugoslavia.
 - b. Foster an irredentist move in Albania hostile to Yugoslavia which would claim incorporation with Albania of the Albanian minority regions of Kosovo and Methohija (Yugoslavia).
 - c. Enlarge the Durres harbor under Soviet supervision to make it capable of receiving Italian warships due to the Soviets under the Peace Treaty.
2. Because of protests against those instructions, particularly the first, Minister of Interior Koce Xoxe, Pandit Kristo and Nuri Hatta (the latter are Central Committee Members) were expelled from the Party and then arrested. Many other arrests were made particularly among members of the Yugoslav minority group in Albania. Fifty members of the Yugoslav-Albanian Society were also imprisoned.
3. In order to carry out the second instruction above, "a Kosovo Committee" was formed in Tirana whose activities are under the strict control of the Soviet Military Mission. Its activities are being coordinated with similar Anti-Yugoslav committees set up in Bulgaria Rumania and Hungary.

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